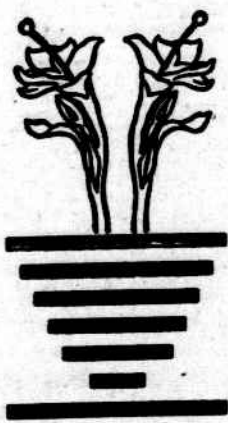


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STERN SAYS MEN FAIL TO ATTEND

Annual Inspection of Volunteers
Shows Smaller Percentage
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RECRUITS ARE ROVING CLASS

Militia Discouraged by Some
Employers—Drill and Equip-
ment Good.

As his concrete opinion of the condition of the Virginia Volunteers, the result of this year's inspections, Col-

onel Jo Lane Stern finds that they are better drilled, are thoroughly equipped, show less discipline and have a smaller percentage of attendance than ever before in his experience of many years. This is, in brief, what he will show in his annual report to Adjutant-General W. W. Sale.

Colonel Stern's year's work was finished last night with his inspection of the Richmond Howitzers, the last of all the State's commands to undergo annual muster. He has visited every command. His report will be ready within a few days.

The fact that the men are completely equipped as soldiers is not surprising. It has been the policy of Adjutant-General Sale to see that all the requirements of the War Department in this respect have been carried out, and that its resources are taken advantage of. Nor is it remarkable that the drilling is in good shape, in view of the more complete work done by the army sergeants on duty with Virginia commands, and the increasing interest among officers in drill matters as the result of the off-

icers' camp of instruction.

Small Attendance Serious.

But Colonel Stern feels that the small percentage of attendance is a serious proposition. He attributes it to the fact that so large a proportion of enlisted men belong to the element that roves about, going from job to job. They enlist, and as soon as they get a position elsewhere they drop out and do not appear at inspections.

Were the enlisted men taken largely from clerks in commercial houses and banks, this would not happen. In the opinion of Colonel Stern. But this introduces another serious problem, which is that the class just mentioned is slow in enlisting because of the opposition of employers. The remedy would seem to be a more thorough understanding among business men, professional men and bankers of what the militia is and what it is intended to do, and a more complete knowledge of what it does in the way of benefits to the men who belong to it.

May Save Companies.

Colonel Stern does not think the order recently given him to inspect two companies with reference to their disbandment, necessarily means that they will be mustered out. He recommended the disbandment of the Harrisonburg company because he was required to do so under the law. With but nineteen men present at inspection, he had no choice. Yet this company had seventy-seven men on its rolls, and it is believed they can be gotten together under new leadership. A letter from Colonel R. E. Leedy, commanding the Second Infantry, indicates that this will be done. Sixty days is allowed to get the company in shape.

The other company to which the order refers is that at Farmville, which has been asleep for some time. Colonel Stern seemed to like the looks of the Howitzers last night.

Mill Damaged by Fire.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—The boiler room of the Lynchburg Milling Company was damaged considerably by fire yesterday, the damage being confined to several hundred dollars by good work of the fire department. The mill proper was not menaced by the blaze.

Drowned Man's Body Recovered.

Malvern Hill, Va., October 7.—The body of Thomas T. Brown, of Henrico County, a negro laborer, who was drowned at Turkey Island where his work, was recovered Sunday after a short search from where the drowning took place.

News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau.
The Times-Dispatch.
Phone Madison 630.

Two special policemen to do duty on the Southside during fair week have been appointed. The new "cops" are H. A. Clemmons and Grant Jackson Byrd. The men were fitted out with uniforms and went on duty yesterday morning. They will be kept on duty during the week.

Officers J. V. Manning, C. T. Tinsley and G. P. Sharp have been ordered to report at the Fair Grounds for duty during the week. Officers will be stationed at Seventh and Perry Streets to watch out for the safety of visitors arriving over the Richmond-Petersburg line and the Southern Railway. It was estimated that 25,000 persons came over these lines on Richmond Day last year.

Resignation of Pastor to Surprise.
The resignation of the Rev. James W. Durham, who announced from the pulpit of the Baptist Church, Sunday night that he had received a call from the First Baptist Church, of Roanoke, which he had accepted, was received with sincere sorrow by members of his congregation and his numerous friends. The announcement was wholly unexpected and took everybody by surprise.

Mr. Durham has been pastor of the Baptist Church for five years, coming here from Pontiac, Ill., where he filled his first pastorate. While in this city he has made an enviable record. The Sunday school having outgrown its quarters and the membership of the church greatly increased in membership.

Rev. F. Ernest Warren, pastor of the Baptist Church, was yesterday the guest of the officers of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the city, being unanimously chosen to fill the office of secretary made vacant by the tragic death of the Rev. John Moncure, D. D. Mr. Warren has been pastor of the Meade Memorial Church for about twelve months, and is the youngest member of the clergies.

Strong Arguments of Attorney.
Argument of demurrers in the suit of Hoffheimer against St. Leger was heard before Judge James H. Wells yesterday in Court Room, Part II. When Attorney S. P. Patterson, for the plaintiff, and A. W. Bedford, for the defendant, had finished their arguments the day was so far gone that Judge Wells reserved his decision, which will be rendered next week.

Owing to the fact so important cases have been set for this week the court will probably close Richmond Day.
One delivery will be made Wednesday by

The Southside mail carriers. Following the morning delivery the men will be excused from duty for the rest of the day in order that they can take in the fair. The office, however, will remain open the entire day. The clerks will be given holidays when it will not interfere with the business.

An examination to fill a vacancy of rural carrier at Chester and to make certification to fill other vacancies as they may occur in the county of Chesterfield, will be held November 2. The age limit is eighteen to fifty-five years, and the examination is open to all male citizens.

Routine matters only were considered yesterday by the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors, who met in special session at Chesterfield Courthouse. The board had a mass of accumulated business, which was partially cleaned up. Willis C. Pulliam, representing the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which is seeking to extend its Hull Street line into the county, was before the board, but his proposition was not taken up. The Richmond and Henrico Company, which has intimated its desire to enter Chesterfield County, was not represented.

County Schools Open.
With a large attendance the schools of Oak Grove and Swansboro opened yesterday.

The majority of the old scholars returned, and there is every indication that the number of new ones who report this morning will be greatly in excess of any previous term. The conditions are not as bad as last year, arrangements for handling the overflow having been made prior to the opening. Several rooms have been engaged in Oak Grove. They have been whitewashed and put in a sanitary condition as far as possible. The Weatherford Memorial Church basement is again in use in Swansboro.

Funeral of William L. Carter.
The funeral of William L. Carter, who died Sunday afternoon at the home of his parents, 22 East Fifth Street, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home. The burial will be in Mount Cemetery.

Mr. Carter was twenty-two years old. He was employed as a boilermaker, but has been ill for some time. His mother, Mrs. James B. Carter, is now ill at Grace Hospital.

Personal Mention.
Rev. F. H. Reynolds, of Havre de Grace, Md., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. Ernest Warren, of 22 East Fifth Street.

Misses Alice Bohner Rudd and Cornelia Hancock will leave this morning for Harrisonburg, where they will represent the Chesterfield Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, at the annual State convention.

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